Naxal activities

†78. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of total 593 districts of the country, one-forth districts are affected with the naxal activities;

(b) if not, what are the reaction of Government in this regard and till now how many regions of different States in the country are affected by the naxal problems;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Nepalese Maoists are also making claims about the Indian territory; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) 127 districts in 12 States are affected by naxal violence/influence in varying degrees. Out of these, 76 districts in 9 States are more severely affected.

(c) and (d) No such inputs have come to the notice of the Government.

Prior information about bomb blasts in Delhi

79. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Police had advance information from intelligence sources that militants will create terror by bomb blast;

(b) if so, why police did not act in advance to avoid such a heavy casualty in bomb blasts at Sarojini Nagar and Paharganj;

(c) whether Delhi Police has been able to identify the persons behind these blasts and arrest them for trial; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) what action Government propose to provide more security to people in the city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Delhi Police has intimated that despite the fact that there was no specific alert on bomb explosion, it had taken security precautions in the city on the eve of Diwali. The security arrangements were also reviewed in a meeting of all districts.

(c) One persons named Tariq Ahmed Dar, a resident of Srinagar, has so far been arrested. His interrogation has indicated that he was the main coordinator and facilitator of these blasts.

(d) The steps taken to strengthen security arrangements in the city include barricading and carrying out special check at the entry points of markets; checking of abandoned vehicles; checking and briefing of the staff of cyber cafe especially in market areas; briefing of managers and staff of hotels/guest houses to keep full details of guests and their luggage and number of vehicles by which they arrive to ensure installation of closed circuit television cameras at the entrance of the hotels; verification of tenants; briefing of auto dealers to keep full details of buyers of second hand vehicles; regular checking of STD/ISD/PCO booth owners/operators; checking of cellular phone and sim card vendors; checking of auto-stands and taxi-stands; meeting with Market Welfare Associations and Resident Welfare Associations; briefing of Metro Rail workers/staff; sensitisation of security personnel of high rise buildings, Government buildings; regular checking of sympathizers who have given shelter to the militants in the past and militants released on bail from jail etc.

Earthquake in Jammu and Kashmir

80. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons killed/seriously injured/injured as a result of recent earthquake in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the details of safety provided/being provided to the sufferers to protect from winter and snow;